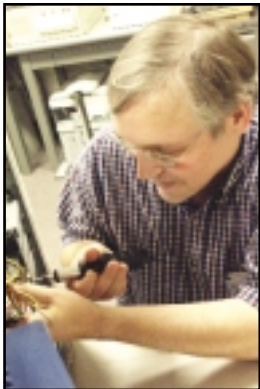




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## Legal office outlines rules for fundraising

### WR-ALC Legal Office

Although rules about fund-raising and Robins policy on snack bars have been widely disseminated, there are still questions.

The 78th Mission Support Group, Services Division and the base legal office are provided the following question and answers to ensure everyone understands the rules.

For more information, call the base legal office at 926-3961 and speak with Becky Moody at ext. 163 or Mike Shutter at ext 122.

**Q.** Our office would like to raise money to buy flowers, plaques and other similar items. Can we have a bake sale or a car wash on base to raise this money?

**A.** Yes, if you first obtain permission from the 78th Mission Support Group commander.

**Q.** How do I request permission?

**A.** Call 926-2655 or 926-5717 for the format. Write the request in enough detail to explain who will be participating, when it will be conducted, why it's being conducted and what will occur.

**Q.** Our office decided the best way for us to raise money is to sell drinks and snacks on a regular basis within our office. Can we do that if we establish a private organization or unofficial activity?

**A.** Yes, if the sales do not compete with Army Air Force Exchange Service or Services Division activities.

**Q.** How do I know if it competes?

**A.** Services Division will make this determination.

**Q.** What criteria does services use to decide?

**A.** Services follows guidance in AFI 34-223, Private Organization Program, Aug. 29, 2001, and may consider any factor that may affect

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## Avionics partners with Boeing for \$4.3B

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The future of the C-130 weapon system and the work force that keeps it flying is looking bright thanks to the C-130 Avionics Modernization Program. This new aircraft upgrade program is expected to not only double the C-130 work force and keep the weapon system flying another 30 years, but also add an impressive \$20 million per year to the local economy.

According to Dusty Dodd, C-130 AMP program manager, the AMP contract, which will upgrade the avionics package of 519 C-130s, was awarded to the Boeing Corporation in July 2001. The program, valued at \$4.3 billion includes the design,

### Program to double C-130 work force, will add \$20 million to local economy annually

installation and production of upgrade kits.

Dodd said the program is currently in the initial phase known as engineering, manufacturing and development or EMD.

"This is where the contractor actually designs the kits, builds the initial trial installations and does the kit proofing," he said. "Once the kits have been developed approximately beginning in 2008 and running through about 2016, we will be in what we call our full rate production."

During this time Boeing will be

producing the kits that will upgrade the cockpits and avionics of the entire C-130 fleet.

Dodd said the kits will be installed in cooperation with Boeing and the existing PDM facilities at Robins and Ogden Air Force Base, Utah. The upgrades will include new mission computers, a new auto pilot and radar and a new air data system.

"The current plan is that one third of the installations will be done by Boeing at their facilities in San Antonio," said Dodd. Another one third will be done at the C-130 program depot maintenance facility

here and the remaining one third will be installed at the C-130 PDM facility at Ogden."

He said during the planned 8-year time frame approximately 519 C-130s will be upgraded. Broken down, that equals approximately 70-80 installs per year.

"One third of that for Robins means on an annual basis between 20-30 installations will done here," he said. "In order to accomplish that we should approximately double the C-130 PDM work force."

Dodd added that some of this workload may not be accomplished through new hires. "With the C-141 ramping down (PDM ending for C-141) this should be a good transition

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U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

During the exercise airmen had to don their chemical and biological warfare protection gear. Here, an airman waits for the all clear signal.



Members of the 78th Civil Engineer Group assemble rapid runway repair matting Wednesday.

Training is an essential part of maintaining the readiness of men and women who serve in the U.S. Air Force.

This week, service members from Robins Air Force Base got the opportunity to hone their skills during a Phase II exercise.

The purpose of the quarterly exercise is to set up, survive and operate in a bare base environment.

Because of operational requirements, this is the first time Robins has been able to perform the exercise since Sept. 11, 2001.

## Alarm Black



Members of the 778th Civil Engineer Group carry a "casualty" during a simulated fire at Warrior Base. The training area is on the south end of Robins.



## Meet Elliott Sadler Thursday

Winston Cup Driver Elliott Sadler will visit Robins Air Force Base Thursday, signing autographs from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation. Sadler will also visit the 116th Air Control Wing.

Sadler made his racing debut at the age of 7. His career began in two-cycle go carts, as he collected more than 200 wins before moving on to race in the late model stock car Winston Racing Series in 1993.

In 1995, Sadler was crowned track champion at South Boston, Va., after winning 13 races during the season. In 1995, Sadler began racing in NASCAR's junior circuit, the Busch Grand National Series, and by 1997 was running full-time in the circuit.

In two years, Sadler won five races and four pole positions. Sadler entered NASCAR's elite Winston Cup Series in 1999. In 2001, Elliott scored his first Winston Cup victory.

## SOF engineers know customers

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Flight test engineers with the Special Operation Forces Operational Flight Program Branch are on a first-name basis with the aircrews they help support in the field.

The relationship forged between the two not only helps the war fighter be at ease with the OFPs they use, but helps engineers be more efficient in the jobs they perform.

Steve Pollard, SOF independent test section chief, said the job of the flight test engineers is to take OFP changes developed by the SOF software engineers and verify it meets user requirements through laboratory, aircraft ground and flight tests.

"Once we satisfy it (test the OFP) here in the lab, the final step is to load it onto the real aircraft and go through a series of ground tests in conjunction with the developmental test and evaluation detachment at Hurlburt Field, Fla." he said. "We work directly with them (the user) to participate in

ground test and then flight tests."

Pollard said they also work with the aircrews on simulated training missions.

"They put the software through its paces with the rest of the systems and

we get direct feedback from them in real time letting us know if we have met their requirement," he said. "If so, they let us know what else we might do to

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# ROBINS BRIEFS

## MPF changes hours

Beginning Oct. 21, the military personal flight will implement new business hours. The new hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Direct questions to the local military personnel flight at 327-7336.

## Event spotlights excellence

Acquisition and Logistics Excellence Week will be held Oct. 31. This year’s theme is “Transforming DOD To Increase Warfighter Capabilities.”

This Robins Air Force Base one-day event will be held at the base theater. Doors will open at 7 a.m. with the agenda running from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Six continuing learning unit points will be provided toward training requirements. Attendance is highly encouraged for all personnel.

For more information, contact Frances Hunt-Burrus, Acquisition Center of Excellence, 926-4383.

## NCO induction ceremony

The base-wide NCO induction ceremony will be at 2 p.m. Oct. 21 at the Museum of Aviation. The public ceremony is designed to recognize all the senior airman selected for promotion to staff sergeant this year.

## Health fair Thursday

S.K.I.P.P., Special Kids, Involved Parents and Professionals, is holding a health and resource fair Thursday, 6-9 p.m. This fair will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church and is free. There will be health and developmental screenings as well as other activities for children. For more information, call Sally at 328-8243.

## National Disabilities Month

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, set aside by presidential proclamation every year since 1945 to promote employment of people with disabilities.

This month also marks the 12th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, enacted to enable disabled people to participate more fully in our society; remove barriers; improve employment opportunities; expand government services, and regulate public accommodations, transportation and telecommunications

DoD employs more than 47,000 civilians with disabilities. In the U.S., there are more than 50 million disabled people.

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# Stick to business when renting cars

### Air Force Legal Services Agency

Renting a car while on a temporary duty assignment may be a nice benefit; however, there are rules that accompany that privilege.

Paragraph T4025 in Appendix O of the Joint Federal Travel Regulations and the Joint Travel Regulations requires civilians to make transportation arrangements, including rental cars, through a commercial travel office.

For rental cars, the Military Traffic Management Command entered into an agreement with many rental car companies, both in the United States and abroad.

The agreement provides guaranteed rates and conditions for the rental, and insurance for the benefit of the traveler and the United States Government. Vehicles included under the MTMC agreement are cars and mini-vans only.

Paragraph T4030 of the JFTR and JTR states, “When possible, the commercial travel office, per TRANSCOM policy, reserves a rental vehicle from a company that subscribes to the MTMC rental car agreement.”

So, unless a special vehicle is needed, such as a sport utility vehicle, or no MTMC agreement companies are available in that area, rentals will be from a MTMC participating company.

And the commercial travel office can make the reservation.

A new fee administered by the rental companies began Oct. 1. The \$5 charge per car per day is to cover the cost of them participating in the agreement. This is reimbursable under the JFTR and JTR.

Once the rental contract has been signed, the JFTR and the JTR specify the vehicle may only be used for official purposes.

These are defined as “transportation to and from duty sites, lodgings, dining facilities, drugstores, barber

shops, places of worship, cleaning establishments, and similar places required for the traveler’s subsistence, health or comfort.” JFTR, paragraph 3415G and JTR, paragraph C2102E show there’s nothing in these regulations that allows use of a rental car to go to the movies, to buy souvenirs, to shop at the mall or to sightsee.

There has been some confusion as to whether you can rent a car and use it for pleasure on the weekend during a temporary duty assignment, said Frances Adams, Tort Claims and Litigation Division. Currently, the JFTR and JTR do not authorize such use. Moreover, the MTMC Agreement, under which most vehicles will be rented, is only for vehicles rented and used for official business.

Better insurance of the rental vehicle also began on Oct. 1. The MTMC agreement’s insurance provisions provide full comprehensive and collision coverage for the rental vehicle. So, damage to the vehicle, so long as it was used for official duties, will be covered.

There are exceptions.

Vehicles rented from a non-MTMC agreement company receive rental damage coverage from VISA if the automobile was rented on a government travel card.

The government VISA card currently has the same coverage for rental cars as many other credit cards do. To be effective, report the damage not later than 20 days after it occurs.

The number for VISA, 800-VISA-911, is located on the back of the card.

If the vehicle isn’t rented under the MTMC agreement, and VISA

- ### Exceptions to insurance coverage

  - Intentionally damaging the vehicle or obtaining it through fraud
  - Driving under the influence of intoxicants
  - Using it for an illegal purpose;
  - Using it to push or tow another vehicle
  - Using it to carry passengers for hire
  - Operating it in live fire exercises or for tactical maneuvers
  - Racing
  - Allowing an unauthorized driver to drive
  - Driving across international boundaries without the permission of the rental agency
  - Losing the vehicle to theft because the keys were left in it
  - Driving off paved roads

coverage doesn’t apply, then the damage to the rental vehicle is paid as a miscellaneous travel expense, from the same funds used to fund the temporary duty assignment.

When accidents occur, always be sure to follow all appropriate procedures. Report the accident to the rental car company. Obtain copies of accident reports that were completed.

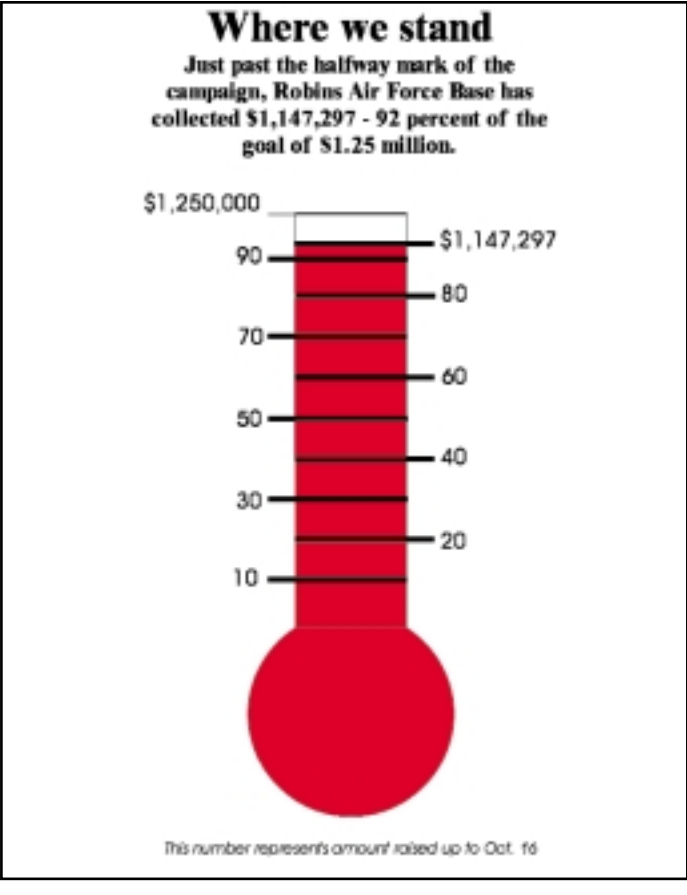
Contact the nearest Air Force legal office to report the accident. If unable to contact the local legal office, report the accident to the legal office at your duty station when you return.

Should the other party in the accident send letters or serve notices of lawsuit, contact the local legal office immediately, and provide them with a copy of items received. Questions about rental cars may be directed to Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Judge Advocate Claims Division at 926-9276.

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## New HR system goes worldwide, manages all 800,000 DoD civilians

The Department of Defense announced Oct. 16 the successful deployment of a new human resource system, capping the largest human resource transformation initiative in the federal government—the Department of Defense Regionalization and Systems Modernization Program.

On Sept. 27, the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System (DCPDS) reached full operational capability, completing a phased deployment that began in October 1999.

The system has now been fielded to all Department of Defense civilian human resources regional service centers and customer support units, providing human resource management operations and service delivery to more than 800,000 civilian employees in the department worldwide.

DCPDS, the largest known automated human resources system in the world, encompasses more than 500,000 business rules and 490 database tables containing 5,000 data elements. It is capable of processing 1.75 million pay and benefit transaction combinations. The system generates all personnel transactions for civilian employees and interfaces fully with the department’s automated payroll system.

The overall objective of the Regionalization and Systems Modernization Program is to realize cost savings through the consolidation of DoD civilian human resource operations into a regionalized environment, based on standardized and reengineered business processes and supported by a single human resource information system.

DCPDS replaces a mainframe-based legacy system, which was decommissioned at the end of September 2002.

# Lean method chosen to achieve continuous process improvement

**Andy Gross**  
**Re-engineering**

The analogy of the acorn and the oak tree is appropriate when talking about Robins Air Force Base’s development of a process improvement methodology, which is founded on the Toyota production system called “Lean.”

It began as a pilot project to determine if Lean principles and techniques can be applied in a repair depot versus a manufacturing facility. It was later extended to see if the same principles worked in administrative processes. The answer is a resounding yes, as Lean has taken on huge proportions and reaped encouraging results in Depot depot performance.

**Starting Lean**

The acorn was planted May 10, 1999, when Air Force ManTech (AFRL/MLM) funded a 5 five-year, \$6 million project called Lean Depot Repair.

The objectives were to reduce cycle times, improve schedule performance, and reduce depot and base inventories through the adaptation of Lean concepts. The test platform was the F-15, and included aircraft component repair shops, avionics repair

lines, and a contracted F-15 avionics repair shop.

ManTech contracted with Southwest Research Institute/Simpler Consulting, and teamed with the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center to jointly manage the effort.

And together, the partner organizations conducted and monitored improvement events, identified the high impact changes, and measured process performance.

Just two years into the pilot project, former Air Logistics Center Commander Maj. Gen. Dennis Haines was convinced of the merits of Lean and, brought the effort up to the enterprise - level.

He expanded the project to include C-5, C-130, and C-141 programmed depot maintenance.

Upon his retirement, Haines ensured Lean would be sustained by his successor, Major Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam.

Wetekam has not only sustained the effort, but actually elevated it to yet a higher level by including selected production support organizations and supply chain management functions.

Most recently, at his senior-staff planning session Sept. 13, Wetekam, presented Continuous Process

Improvement (CPI) as his number one strategic planning objective.

He also stated that full deployment of Lean is the key to successfully meeting that objective.

**CPI implementation**

Full scale continuous process improvement implementation is slated to be complete by July 2004 for the Maintenance Directorate organizations and by December 2005 for the

remainder of the center. It is at this time that sustainment will be critical and incumbent upon each product directorate to be self-reliant in continuing their improvement efforts.

The Rev-Up will continue to highlight future event outcomes in recognition of workforce commitment, leadership involvement, and overall schedule improvement.

Lean is sprouting everywhere you go.

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# Have a safe Halloween

## Pumpkin Patrol keeps kids safe

**Staff Sgt. Jennie Corley**  
**78th Security Forces Squadron**  
**Crime Prevention**

The 78th Security Forces Squadron will spearhead this year’s annual Pumpkin Patrol Oct. 31.

The festivities will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30.

Security forces teams will conduct foot patrols throughout base housing areas while Robins’ little ghosts and goblins are trick-or-treating.

McGruff the Crime Dog will make special appearances. To make sure this is a safe night for all, McGruff asks all parents to do the following: ensure children have a flashlight or lightstick that drivers can see; a light or reflective costume is a good idea; have kids travel in pairs; and ensure they stop and look both ways before they cross streets.

Pets need to be restrained and are not recommended to accompany trick-or-treaters. Costumes may spook pets and pets may spook children.

Motorists, keep speeds as slow as possible for the safety of pedestrians. McGruff and security forces look forward to greeting all the boys and girls and helping them enjoy a safe and happy Halloween night. Call 926-6074 with questions.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Dillon Blackwell secures a plastic headstone in his yard in preparation of Halloween. 78th Security Forces encourages all drivers and trick-or-treaters to be extra careful Oct. 31.

## Trick-or-treat safety tips

**By Staff Sgt. Jennie Corley**  
**78th Security Forces Squadron**  
**Crime Prevention**

It’s the orange, brown, sweet time of year when the leaves fall and the spooks come out at night.

Soon the doorbell will ring and Power Rangers and other characters will be standing on the step yelling, “Trick-or-Treat.”

Yes, Halloween is just around the corner.

When planning this year’s festivities, take a few extra minutes to plan for safety.

☺ Tell children not to eat any goodies until parents inspect them. Throw away any unwrapped candy and check fruit, candy and other treats for inserted foreign objects, including pins and razor blades. Report any tampering to security forces or local authorities so they can promptly warn others.

☺ Before even going out, though, make sure your child’s costume is safe for them to go trick-or-treating in. Costumes should be made of flame retardant materials. Their outfits should be short enough so that youngsters won’t trip and their footwear should be the right size. Costumes should be bright enough to be seen by motorists. A little reflective tape added to the costume’s design will take care of any visibility problems.

☺ Make-up is recommended rather than a mask. If a mask is worn, make sure it fits well and does not interfere with the child’s sight or breathing.

☺ Tell children to stay away from dogs and other animals. A costume might frighten an animal into attacking. Trick-or-treaters should be instructed to stay in their own neighborhood and to be home at a specific time.

☺ Also, warn them not to go inside houses. An adult or responsible teenager should accompany young children as they make their rounds in the neighborhood. Children not accompanied by adults should travel in a group.

☺ Basic traffic safety rules should be discussed with children, such as crossing at an intersection and walking on the sidewalk. If there are no sidewalks available, chil-

dren should walk close to the curb and walk in the direction facing the traffic. A flashlight or glow stick should be used to help children see where they are going and provide motorists with a better view of them.

☺ As for adults, drive slower than usual and expect trick-or-treaters to do the unexpected.

Call 926-6074 for any additional crime prevention safety tips.

## Make sure proof is present when driving on base

Recently, there have been a number of concerns regarding what exactly is needed to drive on base.

According to AFI 31-204 and WR-ALC Supplement 1, all drivers on Robins Air Force Base are required to have the follow-

ing documents in their possession at all times: valid drivers license and current proof of insurance.

Drivers who don’t have the documents will be issued a citation and not allowed to continue driving.

Additionally, the vehicle may be towed at owner’s expense. Anyone operating a vehicle on a suspended license will be detained and processed through Federal Magistrates Court. The vehicle may be towed at the owner’s expense. For those vehi-

cles registered in Georgia, a vehicle registration certificate is not required to be in the vehicle; however, it is recommended.

For more information, contact the 78th Security Forces Squadron Police Services at 926-2118.



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# Hydrogen power has things moving

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The day when passenger vehicles whiz past windows on the way to a lunar luncheon may still be the stuff dreams are made of, but other high tech possibilities may become reality sooner than you think. One example of this is in the support equipment and vehicle management directorate where hydrogen power has things moving.

According to 1st Lt. Jim Muldoon, advanced power technology office lead engineer, the directorate recently received some very new technology in the form of a demonstration hydrogen powered tow tractor.

He said in addition to using Hydrogen for power, this tractor is unique in that it is bar less.

“This type vehicle was evaluated by the AEF battle lab because it significantly

reduces the logistical footprint,” he said. “The new tow tractor, being bar less, eliminates the need to purchase various tow bars to attach to the different types of aircraft. This tow tractor lifts the aircraft in order to use its own weight to move.”

Before this new technology, tow tractors had to be very heavy in order to move aircraft, but according to Muldoon the new design can pull a 120,000 pound C-130- fully loaded though it weighs only a fraction of what a normal tow tractor does.

He said the tow tractors can be used to move helicopters, A-10s, F-15s, F-16s, C-130s and other aircraft that are able to have the front gear lifted and use its own weight. Two of the tractors are currently being used in the F-15 directorate where that have been able to position F-15’s in very tight quarters.

“We are looking at possibly converting missions normally performed with equipment that uses diesel or gasoline to hydrogen based,” he said. “Hydrogen is the most abundant atom in the universe it’s just hard to get at. We have it in the air and water. We are now finding better ways to store it and use the power that’s in it.”

Powered by hydrogen, a non-polluting fuel, the environmentally friendly tow tractor could be the wave of the future.

“This is extremely exciting technology,” said Col. Steven P. Hockett, support equipment and vehicle management director. “I’ve been here at Robins for about 4 years and we had just barely started talking about hydrogen shortly before I got here.”

He said once fully developed and fielded military use of hydrogen power will mean support to the war fighter will be cleaner, cheaper and faster than before.

“It’s really clean,” he said. “The only by products for all practical purposes is water.” “It’s cheaper because we will eventually be able to build



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Col. Steven P. Hockett drives a hydrogen-powered tow truck.

fuel cells that take hydrogen and create electricity at less cost than we do today driving a normal car to work or home.”

Muldoon said the technology is fairly simple.

“What we are doing overall is taking hydrogen and bottling and pressurizing it the way you would in a natural gas vehicle,” he said. “We will harness that and run it through a hydrogen membrane fuel cell.”

The fuel cell then coverts hydrogen and separates it turns it into electricity and that electricity runs through an electric motor that does what your transmission does to produce work.

“It’s quiet and clean and when the hydrogen combines with air we get water. In the battlefield, we need water and fuel and normally we are going to have air so we have everything we need in order to take this technology and put it into the field and make it do

the work that a diesel engine used to do.”

Muldoon said they are evaluating the technology that is used by tow tractor to help users meet their requirements.

“If the requirement is for a different type of tow tractor, to eliminate tow bars, do a different type of mission or a current mission better that’s what we are here for,” he said.

“Keeping abreast of current technology to meet current requirements and anticipate future requirements is our job.”

Muldoon said it is possible to see hydrogen-powered vehicles on Air Force installations this time next year in developmental stages with overall acquisition by lease in 2004-05. “By 2010, we will be able to order through GSA schedule,” he said.

Hockett took the demo for a quick spin around the parking lot.

“It’s like diving a Ferrari,” he said.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

This meter reads how much fuel remains in a hydrogen-powered tow truck.



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# Into the wild blue yonder

U. S. Air Force photos  
by Geoff Janes



Above right, A C-17 Globemaster III, piloted by a Boeing aircrew, departs Robins Air Force Base for Charleston, S.C., Oct. 9, following an analytical condition inspection. The ACI is an inspection performed on 10 aircraft per year. Boeing Long Beach (Engineering) determines which aircraft and which areas on the aircraft are inspected. The inspections are designed to look for maintenance requirement trends such as cracks, corrosion and chafing, which can then be scheduled for routine maintenance on all aircraft. The time that an aircraft is at Robins depends on the inspection requirements. The 2003 inspection package requires 24 work-days, or 33 calendar days.

Beginning in January, additional modifications will be made to the aircraft, which will require between 70 and 90 calendar days. At right, Craig Johnson, loadmaster for the Boeing crew, makes adjustments just prior to take off.



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Planning helps reduce stress when deployment ends

By Lt. Col. Tom Deall  
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DENVER — Prior to a deployment, the Air Force wants to make the separation as easy as possible for the military family so the member can concentrate on his or her job while away from home. Obtaining a power of attorney, setting up an allotment and ensuring family members are properly enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System so they get benefits and entitlements are all designed to make the transition smoother. The process may seem time-consuming, but it gives servicemembers one last chance to settle all issues of concern for the well-being of their families and to afford them some peace of mind. But what about when it's time to return home? What happens to servicemembers who have been away for 90 days or more?

Except for duty requirements, their ability to come and go has been relatively unrestricted. More importantly, they've had a respite from taxing children to and from school, doing chores, and spending weekends going from one activity to another. For most of them, bills were also left behind as their spouse assumed those responsibilities. For the spouse, the duties of holding down household demands went from a shared responsibility to one that occupies most of his or her time. One person takes on the roles of both parents, becoming chauffeur, cook, healer, tutor, referee and consoler. Though assuming these new

Couples can rebuild their partnership if they take time to communicate. Talking brings them closer together and helps them to accept that the other person may be different in a number of ways, including how he or she reacts to the other partner. roles is difficult at first, both service member and spouse develop a routine and learn to manage alone. Of course, that's a temporary situation that demands attention when the deployment ends. According to family support specialists, a lot of stress is associated with the end of a deployment and the return of the servicemem-

ber. For the military spouse who has learned to be independent and self-reliant, there is anxiety associated with having to welcome back a spouse, who, at times, can seem like a stranger in the home. The returning airman, on the other hand, may be living in a fantasy world, expecting home life to be different. Couples can rebuild their partnership if they take time to communicate. Talking brings them closer together and helps them to accept that the other person may be different in a number of ways, including how he or she reacts to the other partner. Experts emphasize that reestablishing intimate and sexual relationships may be awkward at first and suggest going slowly.

When dealing with children, the returning airman must remember to avoid attempts at making up for lost time. He or she needs to make a concerted effort to spend quality time with each child. The transition also affects children because they may resent mommy or daddy being away. Overall, it's important that servicemembers and spouses not go the transition alone. With specialists available at the base family support center, chaplain's office and life skills support center, families can seek help if and when needed. With help and planning, their reunion can be a celebration and not a stressful situation when the deployment is over. More information on homecomings is available on the Air Force Community Website: www.afcrossroads.com. Courtesy of Air Force Reserve Command News Service.

Commanders' Action Line



Col. Bonnie Cirrincione  
Commander 78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes. To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage on the World Wide Web at https:// wwwmil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.



Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam  
Commander Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

BX pedestrian crossing

Q: Some time ago I wrote you asking about cross-hatching the area in front of the doors of the exchange and mounting two very large stop signs to protect pedestrians. In response you wrote that these changes would be made within 45 days. In reading the action line page in this week's Rev-Up I see that the parking lot will be undergoing a re-stripe when funds are available. I'm glad to see that and wonder if the safety cross-hatching will also have to wait for funds. I had already assumed they would when I received your original answer. But I do think we have a potential disaster waiting to occur right in front of those doors. A: Col. Cirrincione responds: Thank you for your concern. True, I initially thought your idea was a good one, and so the Base Exchange submitted a work request for completion within 45 days. However, since then, my traffic engineer, along with other professional civil engineers, convinced me the current design is still good and should not be changed to a proposal which is not in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Thus, this work request has been disapproved. As we all know, even properly marked crosswalks do not protect the pedestrian — two white lines hardly stop a vehicle. Recent studies have shown that some marked crosswalks are more hazardous than unmarked ones. One explanation for this apparent contradiction of logic is that the marked crosswalk can give the pedestrian a false sense of security, believing that motorists will yield to them.

The pedestrian should always remain alert and careful when crossing traffic and never assume a vehicle will stop. While one may see the cross-hatching of areas in front of some private stores off base, we will leave the area in front of our base exchange as it exists per code to prevent any confusion or assumptions and will continue to rely on alertness and courteous behavior by both the pedestrian and the motorist. In closing, please note that we did not receive adequate funding to reach the re-stripping of the parking lot; but we were able to take care of several other safety concerns around our airfield and a few of our environmental protection projects. Since funding in fiscal year 2003 remains bleak, we hope motorists will better adhere to the traffic flow directed by the pavement markings for a safer parking lot. However, we will keep the requirement for re-stripping for diagonal parking on our un-funded list. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact 1st. Lt Eric Queddeng at 926-5820 ext. 279. Dollar conversion costs in Japan Q: Sir, we have been tasked to go to Kadena Air Base, Japan. We will be staying downtown because base billeting is full and consequently will have to convert some of the per diem to Yen. It will cost us 8 cents on the dollar. I asked about getting reimbursed for this and was told that we would not get any reimbursement for this. This could add up to two days of per

diem (about \$120). I got my information from customer travel support. Is there anything that can be done about this lost money? Thanks for any help. A: Maj. Gen. Wetekam responds: The Joint Federal Travel Regulation is very specific about the reimbursement for currency conversion. Currency conversion charges are classified as a miscellaneous reimbursable expense. A traveler will be reimbursed for the fee charged in exchanging currency so you will be compensated for the cost of the exchange transaction. Just save your receipts and make sure to file it with your voucher. Please note, as per the regulation, travelers are not authorized reimbursement for losses, nor liable for gains resulting from currency conversions (JFTR, U4520 Para 6a). I hope this explains the reimbursement process when exchange of currency is required. If you have further questions concerning this subject please contact Bill Savage, chief of Pay Services, at 926-4462. Military Personnel Flight Customer Service hours Time to renew Q: My 14-year-old son's identification card expired about one month ago. I have tried to get him to the Military Personnel Flight customer service area twice, but this office closes at 3:30 p.m. weekdays. In order to get him there prior to closing I would have to take him out of school early, or wait for a day that he doesn't

have school. All parents today are forced with having to pull their children out of school for doctor's appointments, dentist appointments, visits to the orthodontist etc. I have to believe that numerous interruptions are detrimental to the learning process. I've checked with several other Air Force Materiel Command bases to find that Tinker (Okla.) is the only other base that closes at 3:30. Hill (Utah) and Hanscom (Mass.) close at a more reasonable 4 p.m. Wright Patterson doesn't close until 4:30 and is even open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. I realize we are all over-worked and under staffed, but I'm fairly certain others share my problem. Could the hours at the MPF be looked at in hopes of providing better customer service. Thanks for listening. I can certainly make other arrangements if my request is not reasonable. A: Col. Cirrincione responds: Thanks for your recommendation and the opportunity to inform you that we will extend the MPF customer service hours on Mondays until 4 p.m., on Monday. Since operating hours are tied to mission, manning, and requirements, they will vary from base to base. However, we take great pride in being responsive to our customers and, besides making the stated extension, will on a case-by-case basis establish appointments to take care of customer needs after posted closing times. Please contact Maj. George Schantz at 327-7336, or Capt. Maya Green at 327-7364, for questions or to schedule special appointments.



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# Team

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further enhance the functionality of the software.”

Pollard describes his job as really fun.

“Not only do we come in and play with all of the new toys, but we actually get to ride on the aircraft,” he said.

According to Pollard, the entire flight test engineering section has been through altitude chamber training and knows how to react in an in-flight emergency.

“In most cases our flight test engineers are on a first name basis with most of the aircrews,” he said.

One of the reasons for this intimacy according to Pollard is the size of Air Force Special Operations Command or AFSOC.

“One thing about Special Ops is that we are a very small tight knit family,” he said. “We don’t have a lot of aircraft or a lot of crew members. We get to see the same people (aircrew members) from year to year with different revisions of the software and that does a lot for the relationship.”

**Bond of trust**

Pollard said one bond it builds is that of trust between the aircrews and the flight test engineers as well as the software engineers.

“They know that they can come to us and say we want this software to do something a little different and with us on the training missions we can kind of begin to understand from a mission point of view what they are really asking for,” he said. “Most of these guys are not software developers so it’s hard (for the user) to take an operational requirement and turn it into a technical requirement that a software engineer can mold into a software product. We provide a link there.”

Pollard said when he sees AFSOC aircraft on television in support of the country’s efforts against terrorism; he feels a tremendous amount of satisfaction.

“It’s unfortunate that we are there and its unfortunate that lives are being taken by the weapons systems that we work on, but the good thing is that we are doing it for our freedom,” he said. “To know that I touched a piece of software or I signed my name saying this piece of software is ready to get on that aircraft and do its job is immediate satisfaction.”

He explained that the time it takes to field a new system under development or an

older system undergoing a major modification is usually vast.

“By the time this process is complete you may not be working in the same job,” he said. OFP software changes, known as OFP Blockcycles, vary from three to 24 months in length from planning to fielding the software system. “To see this happen in a year to 18 months is a tremendous amount of satisfaction.”

**Going organic**

Jill Burgess, Special Operations Forces Extendable Integration Support Environment project manager, said the SOF workload became core workload at Robins Air Force Base in 1994 when the SOF System Program Office, LU, decided to move all high change rate OFPs to organic maintenance and modification.

“We slowly brought the workload organic and we still partner with Boeing, TRW, Lockheed Northrop Grumman,” she said. “It’s

a great relationship with the SOF community. We don’t just have organic personnel here. We have large contractors (large business), small contractors (small business) and the users (AFSOC) come up here all the time. They come to verify that what we are doing for them is actually correct and that what we are doing is what they are going to need in the field.”

Burgess said if there is a problem they (the user) can call them from wherever they are and the software and/or flight test engineers can go over to whichever aircraft they need to and pull it up on the screen and see if a problem really exits.

“We can then fix it and give it back to the field,” she said.

Burgess said there are four aircraft supported in the SOF

EISE, the MC-130E Combat Talon I, the AC-130H Gunship, the MH-53J Pave Low helicopter and the MH-53M IDAS MATT helicopter and the MC-130H Combat Talon II.

“We have about 2.5 million source lines of code maintained in the EISE so that we can test the OFPs on the aircraft,” she said. “This lab is a configuration of each of the aircraft and aircraft avionics are simulated. We have software engineers that go in and make changes to the OFPs and test them in their Software Development Environment (SDE) and then bring them into the system integration facility (i.e. the EISE).”

She said there are numerous flight test engineers for each of these aircraft and they come in and try to basically “break the code” and “they do a very good job at that”.

“They (the flight test engineers) need to be very careful because they are going to be flying on these aircraft as well as the users and they want to make sure there are no bugs (software errors),” she said. Burgess said they try to not have to perform as many flight tests as is normal with a development software integration facility.

“This is a maintenance facility,” she said. “Most everything is simulated and we use very high fidelity simulations so that the OFPs are thoroughly checked out and verified to be error-free.”

Designed as a multi function aircraft, the Combat Talon 1’s mission is to fly in low, pop up and drop out troops, cargo, bombs, leaflets and other airdrop items it refuels helicopters at low levels, David Smith, Combat Talon 1 software project manager, said.

“We calculate ballistics for airdrops,” he said. “You can’t just open up the back of the aircraft and drop something out and hope that it hits the spot. There are mathematical routines that calculate where you’re flying and if you drop something out at a certain speed where it will hit.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Steve Pollard, SOF independent test section chief, works at an AC-130H Gunship navigator fire control officer crew station.

Smith said his software calculates all this.

“We’ve gotten reports from users thanking us for our work,” he said.

The Combat Talon 1 as well as the other aircraft are technologically advanced weapons systems that perform duties of top-secret reconnaissance and targeting. Because these aircraft are so advanced, the software that operates them must be too.

“What we are working on now rather than just fixing problems with the software is increasing the functionality and that continues to change according to what’s going on in the world at that time,” said Pollard.

Pollard said the team has a second phase of their product where they modify the software that the trainers use at Hurlbert in a simulated environment like here where aircrew come in and sit at their respective crew positions and practice simulated scenarios.

“They again put the software through its paces and learn the functionality,” he said. We participate by pro-

viding that new functionality and then going to provide the actual training to the initial crew and training command by saying here’s what the new function is and here’s how you make it work.”

He said the training crew at Hurlburt builds a lesson plan to go train the crews in mass every time they build a new version of the software.

“We go down and participate in the training sessions with whatever crews are available and not deployed

and they are responsible for training their brethren who maybe deployed at that time,” he said.

“This increases their combat readiness.”

Pollard said since most of the crews are involved in requesting new functionality, they know what they’re getting.

It’s just a matter of giving the specific button pushing techniques that make it work. It’s just a small step from a previous version to the next.

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for the work force to move off of the C-141 workload and move onto the C-130 AMP workload and also some of the C-17 workload,” he said.

Dodd said this program should be both a great boost to the economy and the confidence level of the work force.

“This is a vote of confidence for the government and the Robins C-130 work force,” said Dodd.

“It’s a vote of confidence that the C-130 work force has the capabilities to work on a modernized cockpit in avionics.”

Dodd said this is good news that will

bring new jobs to the area or keep jobs in the area that might have gone elsewhere.

He said most of the installations will

*“This is a vote of confidence for the government and the Robins C-130 work force.”*

Dusty Dodd  
C-130 AMP program manager

be performed here during regular PDM, but those that are unable to be per-

formed during that period will be installed on a separate speed line employing approximately 300-350 employees.

“We are in the process of revising those numbers and since we have until 2008 there is plenty of time to solidify,” he said. “The kits however will be assembled at Boeing’s Macon facility.”

In addition to the economic impact of the award, Robins has also entered into a public/private partnership with Boeing.

According to Buddy Fordham, plans and programs branch chief, that partnership may allow the center to do various work in software and possibly hardware repair that will be determined as the program matures.

SAC Alive and Well Through MSET Reunion

The United States Air Force Strategic Air Command (SAC) Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Team (MSET) is hosting their fifth annual reunion the Oct. 18-20 at the Ramada Inn in Warner Robins, Ga.

The MSET consisted of highly skilled aircraft maintenance technicians and supervisors in all weapons systems, supporting the global mission of SAC.

Their mission, from 1965-93, was to evaluate each SAC Wing annually to determine their Operational Readiness, by performing personnel evaluations and technical inspections of aircraft and support equipment. MSET also represented SAC in developing and updating

technical data; ensuring safe, accurate procedures for all maintenance actions. While many of the MSET members were at one time stationed at Robins AFB, nearly all attendees will be in a “returnee” status as they virtually all participated in evaluation of the then 19th Bomb Wing.

The MSET Association was formed in 1998 and has grown to over 350 active members. Previous reunions have been held in Omaha NE (twice) Fort Worth, TX and Shreveport, LA. Numerous activities are planned for the attendees while in town including a tour of Robins Air Force Base and the Museum of Aviation, a dinner, a golf

tournament and tours to area attractions to include the Mossy Creek Festival. More than 100 attendees are expected.

Reunion Chairman Maj. Gen. (Ret) Ron Smith, a MSET member during ‘73-’75, is excited to be hosting this year’s event in Warner Robins. Middle Georgia abounds with military history and appreciation. Clearly, the Strategic Air Command and the MSET are definitely a major part of our military history. The MSET members will enjoy this reunion and Middle Georgia” Several members of the reunion committee reside in the surrounding area that makes planning and hosting this event even more enjoyable.

Rules

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whether the proposed sales would compete with AAFES or Services Division activities’ sales. For example, if Services Division operates a snack bar in a particular building, you may or may not be able to sell snacks and sodas depending on the proximity to that snack bar. And, any approval would be limited to sales within your organization.

**Do you mean we wouldn’t be allowed to sell to people who may be visiting our organization or passing through our area or to other offices in the area?**

That is correct. If given approval, the approval does not extend to selling to those who may be passing through your area. In addition, all sales must be on the honor system. No one is authorized to act as a cashier during duty hours. Your stock of items must be re-supplied during off-duty time also.

**So how do people have a bake sale or boiled peanut sale close to a snack bar or in a common area?**

Occasional fund-raising sales are not the same as continuous sales of sodas and snacks. As mentioned earlier, the 78th MSG Commander approves occasional fund-raiser sales and events.

**What would happen if we just didn’t ask permission? After all, sometimes forgiveness is easier to obtain than permission.**

You may be subject to disciplinary action with penalties ranging from a reprimand to removal for civilians and ranging from a reprimand to General Court-Martial for military members.

**Are we required to establish a private organization or unofficial activity to maintain funds from regular ongoing sales even if it’s limited to just our office?**

Yes.

**Can’t we just sell the items at a slight mark-up**

**price without having to go through all that paperwork and approval process?**

No, based upon current Air Force instructions.

**OK, so how do we know which one to establish — unofficial activity or private organization?**

If the funds do not exceed a monthly average of \$1,000 during a 3-month period, you can create an unofficial activity to maintain the funds. If the funds exceed this amount, you need to establish a private organization.

**So how do we become qualified as an unofficial activity or private organization?**

Follow AFI 34-223, Private Organization Program, Aug. 29, 2001, and contact the private organization monitor for the base; call 926-2655 or 926-5717, and ask the private organization monitor for assistance on procedures, formats and approval.

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Starcadia  
55352701**

**2x3  
Geico  
55424102**

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Northside  
55511801**

**Can we qualify as an unofficial activity or sell sodas or snacks without approval?**

No. AFI 34-223, Private Organization Program, Aug. 29, 2001, paragraph 7, requires that services monitors private organizations and unofficial activities.

**Can we have a one-time fundraiser such as a hotdog sale without the 78th Mission Support Group Commander’s approval?**

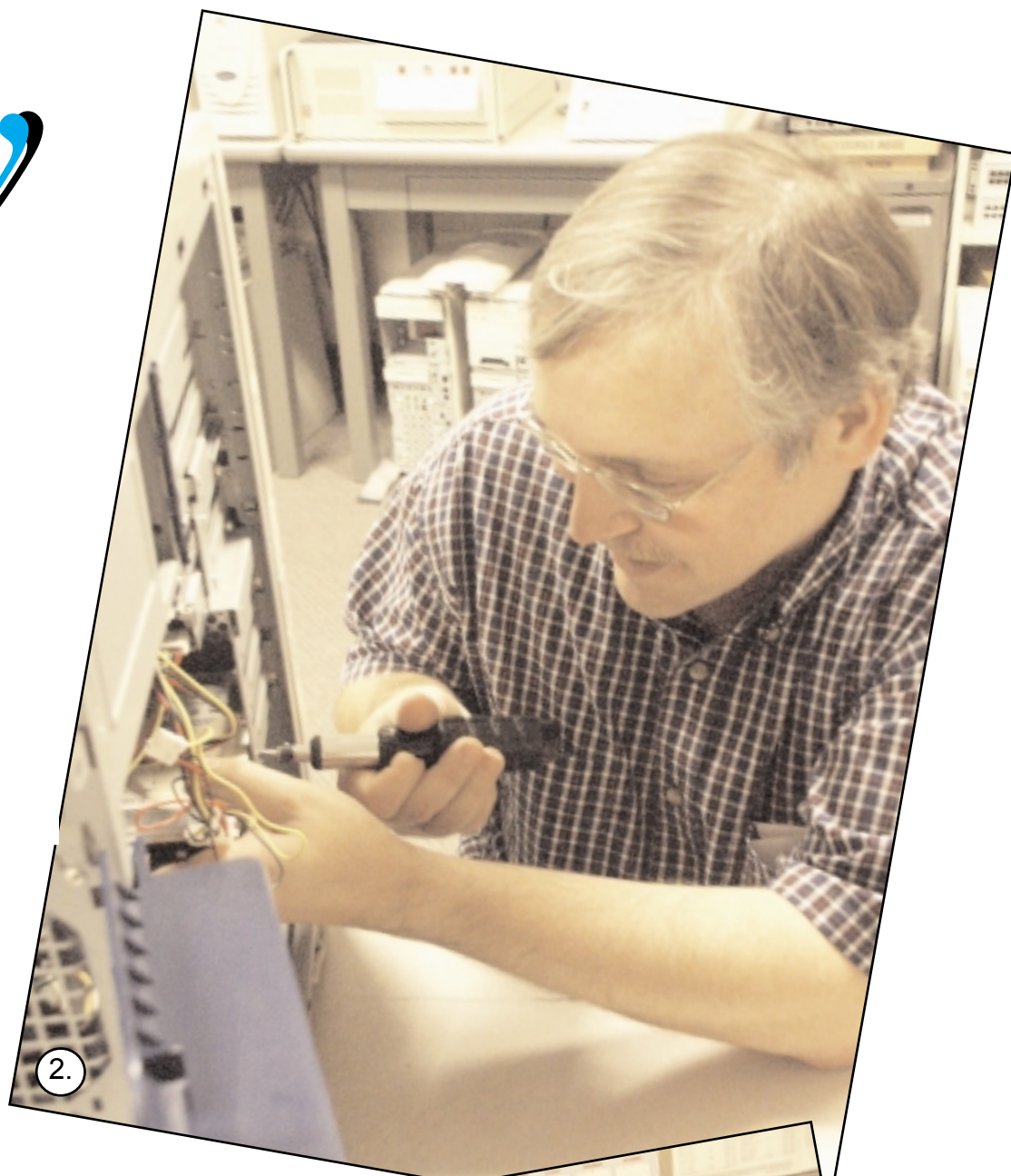
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# Halloween time

The Rev-Up is the place to look for information about all that’s happening on Halloween on base this year. Contact Rebecca Yull with information about events. Call at 926-2137, e-mail rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil, fax to 926-9597.

Next week’s Rev-Up will include information about a haunted house, a harvest fest and celebrations at various services facilities.

## Capability not disability



### *Robins' openness to diversity provides opportunities for those who might otherwise be denied*

By Holly J. Logan  
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Diversity at Robins Air Force Base is about more than race or ethnicity; it's about turning disabilities into capabilities for employees.

According to information provided by the 78th Mission Support Group Equal Employment Opportunities Office, more than 900 employees — nearly 8 percent of the total work force at Robins — have a disability. Disabilities are classified as severe, less severe and hidden.

Examples of severe disabilities are missing extremities or total blindness. Less severe disabilities are impairments such as partial deafness or blindness. While some disabilities are visible, others like chronic fatigue syndrome, epilepsy and asthma are considered hidden disabilities.

Harry Hansen, EEO staffing specialist, said people with disabilities provide diversity to the work force and bring with them a strong work ethic and dedication to their jobs.

"These individuals tend to work harder than the average worker because they try to prove they can do the job as well as their co-workers," he said. "For the most part, this type of person makes a better worker because they remain loyal to their work. Once they find a good job, they are more likely to stay with it."

Mike Hobbs, a voucher auditor in customer support for the travel office, became a member of Team Robins 21 years ago when October was designated as "hire the handicapped" month.

Hobbs was born with a condition called quadruple amputee, characterized by missing extremities. Although his disability may present challenges, it has not been a barrier for him.

"I use a wheelchair. I use both of my arms to grasp things as someone else would use their hands," he said. "A lot of people might think this is hard to do, but it's all I've ever known. You don't miss what you've never had. I appreciate my job at Robins because it has given me the chance to prove I can work

and be a productive citizen."

Hobbs said his mother equipped him with the positive attitude that has helped him be a winning team member at Robins.

"My mother taught me that I can do anything that I put my mind to doing," he said. "I may do it in a different way than everyone else, but I get it done in the end."

Adaptation is a way of life for most persons with disabilities and personnel placement employees at Robins Air Force Base make a genuine effort to accommodate their needs on the job.

Treshman Fries, a mechanic for the manufacturing directorate, was born with spastic paraparesis, a degenerative condition causing loss of the lower limbs. With the use of a wheelchair and minor adjustments to his worktable, he has been a productive part of Robins for nearly three years.

"I assemble electronic boards for F-15s and other aircraft at the base," he said. "When

I first arrived, they had to lower my work table by about 3 inches. Other than that, I just roll around and do my job like everyone else."

Fries said while Robins' policy adequately provides accommodations for people with disabilities, implementing a disability awareness program on base would be beneficial to integrating these employees into the Robins work environment.

"A lot of people don't know what to do when they encounter a person with a disability," he said. "Some people with disabilities need help, and others are more independent. I think a program to educate Robins employees about different disabilities would be good."

Dawn Wetherington, a computer assistant in the Depot Maintenance Accounting and

### About the author

Holly J. Logan is a Rock Spring native who has been working at Robins Air Force Base since January 2001.

She earned her associate's degree from Dalton State College in 1997, and her bachelor's degree in print journalism from Georgia Southern University in 2000.

Following graduation, Logan spent six months job searching while freelancing for publications in the Statesboro, Ga. area.

Logan found out about the Outstanding Scholar Program at Robins Air Force Base through a job search with Ken Beaumont, now a retired vocational rehabilitation counselor.

Logan was qualified for the program due to having a 3.5 grade point average as one of the top 10 in her class. She was hired as a budget analyst in the Logistics Management Directorate.

She is temporarily working in the Warner



Logan

Robins Air Logistics Center Public Affairs Office.

She has been legally blind since age 8.

Logan was born with a birth defect condition called Hydrocephalus, characterized by excess cerebral spinal fluid on the brain. Due to a malfunction in a shunt (a medical device implanted to correct the birth defect), her optic nerves were crushed leaving her totally blind in her right eye and legally blind in her left.

Logan's guide dog is a Golden Retriever named Grumman, and the two have been a team since 1996.

U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

1. Treshman Fries, a mechanic for the manufacturing directorate, works on an electronic board.
2. Hal Dent, who works in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Financial Management Home Office, fixes a computer.
3. Mike Hobbs, a voucher auditor in customer support for the travel office, works in his office.

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## TV SCHEDULE

These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15 and Watson Cable channel 15.



### Friday

**Robins Report:** 8 p.m. – News from around base.

**Around Robins:** 8:30 p.m. – On this week’s Around Robins, Janice Barnes, Air Force Aid Society manager, explains changes to the Give Parents a Break program. Bill Heaberg, Transition Assistance Program manager talks about the importance of being prepared for separation from the military. And Tech Sgt. Caroline Newell explains the services that are available to family members when their spouses are deployed.

**Inside Robins:** 9 p.m. – Inside Robins offers an in-depth look at the C-5 System Program Office through an interview with Al Fatkin, the deputy director.



### Sunday

12:30 p.m. - **Robins Report**  
1 p.m. - **Around Robins**  
1:30 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

### Monday

Noon - **Robins Report**  
12:30 p.m. - **Around Robins**  
1 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

### All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

*Tickets are \$3 for 12 and older, \$2 for ages 5-11.  
Visit the movie schedule online at <http://www.robins.af.mil/services/Events/TheaterSched.htm>.*



**Today — City By The Sea (R)**  
Starring Robert De Niro and James Franco.  
Based on actual events in the life of Vincent LaMarca, a New York Police Department detective. Murder is a common denominator in his family. While his father’s crimes were heinous enough, he discovers his son may be on the same path. (language, drug use and some violence)  
*\*No one under 17 admitted without an accompanying parent.*

### Saturday — Stealing Harvard (PG-13)

Starring Tom Green and Jason Lee.  
Things are fine until John’s sister calls to remind him of his promise to pay his niece’s tuition — \$29,829 due in two weeks. John turns to his friend Duff who convinces John to make a short-term commitment to petty crime. (crude and sexual humor, language and drug references)



## CHAPEL SERVICES

**Catholic** Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
**Catholic** CCD classes for ages 4 through adult meet every Sunday from 11 a.m. until noon — from September through May — at Robins Elementary School.  
**Protestant** services take place every Sunday at: 8 a.m. inspirational; and 11 a.m. traditional.  
**Protestant** religious education classes for people of all ages meet every Sunday — from September through May — from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 905.  
**Jewish** service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the synagogue in Macon.  
**Islamic** Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is each Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.  
**The chapel helps with any spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.**

## SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Electrified Membership Drive

The Electrified Membership Drive is in full swing at the Robins Officers’ and Enlisted clubs until Dec. 20. New and current members will have the opportunity to win prizes. The following prizes will be awarded to one new member and one current member in Air Force Materiel Command: a Sony Plazma television and a Bose Lifestyle 28 home entertainment system; a Sharp Aquos LCD and a Bose 3.2.1. home entertainment system; a Toshiba portable DVD player; a Denon Prime Sound Series personal component system; and a Sony Walkman digital music player.

Members will earn a \$5 dinner gift certificate for each new member they sign up during the club drive. Club membership is available to all active duty, retired and Reserve military, Department of Defense and Non Appropriated Funds civilians. For complete details on membership eligibility, visit the services Web site at [www.robins.af.mil/services](http://www.robins.af.mil/services), call the officers’ club at 926-2670 or call the enlisted club at 926-4515.

Officers’ club dues are \$18 per month and \$9 per month for members living outside a 50-mile radius of the base. The officers’ club is open to all active duty, retired and Reserve commissioned officers, DOD civilians GS-09 and above, WG, WL and WS equivalent, and NF 3, 4, 5 and equivalent contractors assigned to Robins Air Force Base. Enlisted club dues are \$8 per month and \$4 per month for members living outside a 50-mile radius of the base. The enlisted club is open to all active duty, retired and Reserve enlisted, DOD civilians GS-08 and below, WG equivalent NF1 and 2 and equivalent contractors assigned to Robins AFB.

### Enlisted Club 926-4515

The enlisted club will hold two frightfully fun events Saturday. A kiddie haunted house will be open to scare guests from noon to 3 p.m. for \$2 per person. Kids can save \$1 when they bring a colored Halloween picture from the services Web site at [www.robins.af.mil/services](http://www.robins.af.mil/services) or from



the child development centers or youth center. Limit one picture per child.

A Halloween party with a costume contest and pumpkin cutting contest will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight. Participants will enjoy ghoulish goodies and the witch’s brew.

### Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

Information, Tickets and Travel will conduct a one-day sale for Wild Adventures Theme Park season passes for \$49 each, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Smith Community Center and Expressions, located in the base restaurant, Bldg. 166.

### Library 327-7379

All youths are welcome to the Jamboree on the Internet 2002. The base library will host the 45th Jamboree on the air Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. for youth ages 6 through 17 years. During this event scouts and non scouts will be able to learn about and talk to children from around the world. For more information, contact the library or Christopher Faust at [christopher.faust@robins.af.mil](mailto:christopher.faust@robins.af.mil) or [caberney@yahoo.com](mailto:caberney@yahoo.com).

### Outdoor Adventure 926-6527 or 926-4001

Take a skydiving trip with outdoor adventure Nov. 9 at Skydive Atlanta. The trip includes a tandem jump and transportation for \$195 per person. Transportation departs at 10 a.m. and returns at 7 p.m. Register by Thursday at equipment rental, Bldg. 986. A 12-person minimum is required and participants must be at least 18 years old.

Join outdoor adventure on a rock-climbing trip Nov. 23 at Atlanta Rocks. Atlanta Rocks is the largest indoor climbing gym in the Southeast with more than 12,000 square feet of professionally designed, seamless climbing surface. The trip includes two hours of rock climbing, instruction and additional climbing time for \$56 per person. Transportation departs at 10 a.m. and returns at 7 p.m. Register by Nov. 8 at equipment rental, Bldg. 986, or call Michelle North at 926-6527.

Watch the Atlanta Falcons versus the New Orleans Saints at the Georgia Dome Nov. 17. Cost is \$35 per person and includes transportation and admission.



Register by Nov. 10 at equipment rental, Bldg. 986. A 12-person minimum and a 22-person maximum are required.

### Skills Center 926-5282

The skills development center will be accepting entries from youths and adults for the artist’s craftsman and photo contest Monday and Tuesday. Judging will take place Thursday and winners will be announced and presented with certificates Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. Winning entries will be forwarded to Air Force Materiel Command.

### Smith Community Center 926-2105

The Smith Community Center is offering open chess play in the ballroom from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

The Smith Community Center will hold a crafts bazaar Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tables can be reserved to sell hand-crafted items for \$7 per table.

The musical showcase, Tops In Blue 2002 “Spirit Of America” tour will be held at the Warner Robins Civic Center Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Transportation will leave the community center at 6:15 p.m. and the civic center doors will open for the general public at 6:45 p.m. Viewers will have a chance to win a \$200 Army Air Force Exchange Service gift certificate provided by First Command.

Tops In Blue is sponsored in part by AT&T and First Command. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. Bags may be subject to search.

### Teen Center 926-5601

The following activities are scheduled at the center: Friday night football at 6:30 p.m. and center closes at 6:30 p.m. today; center closed for Lock-in at youth center at 8 p.m. Saturday; open recreation 3–6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

**Robins Air Force Base Family Support Center-sponsored classes, workshops and seminars are open to all Team Robins Plus personnel and their eligible family members. Absences from duty sections to attend FSC offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his/her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.**

**The center is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the enlisted club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.**

### UNISERV TSP briefing

The personal financial management program is offering a briefing on UNISERV Thrift Savings Plan today, 1-4:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127.

UNISERV TSP contributions are before tax money, a significant advantage over regular mutual funds, and deposits accrue earnings tax free until withdrawn. Consequently, this is a super investment vehicle. To educate individuals, the booklet “Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services” is being distributed through the units. Copies are also available on the Web site [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).

### TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor-sponsored Transition Assistance Program workshop will be Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, Smith Community Center ballroom. Personnel leaving the military within the next six months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

To make a reservation for this workshop, call 926-1256.

### Resume research, writing

A workshop on resume research and writing will be conducted Oct. 25, 9 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 905, Room 138.

Many people launch into resume writing before preparing. This class is designed to cover resume writing beyond the basic mechanics.

### Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a non-profit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free money and credit management workshop Oct. 25, 1-4 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127. This workshop is open to all Team Robins Plus members. Call 926-1256 for a reservation.

### Applied suicide prevention skills training

A workshop on applied suicide prevention skills training will be conducted Oct. 28-29, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., base chapel annex. This training is for anyone interested in preventing a suicide.

### Pre-TAP briefing

A pre-TAP briefing will be conducted Oct. 29, 1-3 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 139. The Transition Assistance Program is offering a briefing for personnel and their spouses who are within one to

three years of separation or retirement. This session is designed to help individuals get a head start on long-range retirement and separation planning, benefits and other information. To register, call 926-1256.

### Bundles for babies

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies class Oct. 30, 10 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 700, Room 180. This class is specifically designed to assist new parents and consists of an educational session by the Family Advocacy educational development intervention specialist. This program is open to all active duty Air Force members and their spouses, who are expecting a child, regardless of rank or number of children in the family. To register, call 926-1256.

### Car care program

The Car Care Because We Care program is open to active duty Air Force spouses, when the military member deploys on assignment for more than 30 days. Additionally, spouses of active duty Air Force members serving remote tours overseas are now eligible to use this program. Spouses may receive two certificates during the year-long assignment. This program allows the spouse to take the primary family vehicle to the base service station for free oil and filter changes, chassis lubrication and a safety inspections.

Certificates are issued to the spouse at the center after verification of the member’s remote tour, temporary duty assignment or deployment. To receive the certificate, bring a copy of member’s orders by the center.

### Morale call program

Standard morale calls are conducted over the DSN with a regular telephone. The military member provides the DSN number, where he/she is located, to the family member. The family member calls the FSC at 926-1256 to receive a control number. The standard telephone morale calls may be conducted at home after the control number is received. Once a convenient time for both the military member and the family member is chosen, the family member calls the base operator at 926-1110 to make the morale call. Choose a time wherein both parties can complete the entire 15-minute conversation within one call.

### Video phone

Do you have a spouse who is on a temporary duty assignment or on a remote assignment and would like to see them before they get back? You can, without leaving Robins Air Force Base. The center has video-telephone capability with many installations around the world. Call to make an appointment.

### Letter-writing kits

If you are separated from a family member due to deployment, feel free to come by to get a letter-writing kit that includes stationary, post cards, greeting cards, stamps and parent-child note exchanges.

### Calling cards

Free \$20 value calling cards, sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society, are offered to all personnel going on contingency temporary duty assignments for 30 days or longer. These must be issued to the military member.

*The Rev-up has searched high and low to find a handful of football nuts, worthy of calling themselves football experts. Each week during the football season these so-called "experts" will use their knowledge to take a shot at picking the winner in five featured professional football games and one college game. Throughout the football season, the Rev-up will keep a running total of the wins and losses for each expert.*

It's all about respect, baby. Tim Kurtz and Tiara Smith gained some with their 5-1 picks last week. If not for the Jaguars, they might have had perfect rounds. But even a Jaguar win would not have helped Mark Haines, the current Pigskin Picks basement dweller. Another 2-4 weekend put him at 14-16 overall. A few more weekends like that and he may have to change his name to Rodney, as in Dangerfield. "Hey, what's a guy gotta do to get a little respect around here?"

# Schriever bodybuilder works at professional status

"From trial and error, this method has worked for me," said the 5-foot-6-inch, 197-pound man. "I'm able to

"I train about 60 percent of

*Courtesy of Air Force  
Space Command News  
Service.*

Effective immediately, non-peak fitness center members can utilize the fitness center from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6-11 p.m. during weekdays. Weekend and holiday hours have not been changed. This is on a trial basis for October to December only.

A tournament of champions is slated for Saturday starting at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start. Cost is \$30 for annual greens fee members and \$40 for guests. Price includes golf cart, green fee, lunch and prizes.

**robinsjobs.com**

# All in a day’s work



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

■ Sparky  
the Fire Dog  
■ Fire  
prevention  
teacher

“I like the reaction on people’s faces when they see Sparky. I know that they will think about fire prevention at least for that day. If we could do this everyday, maybe we wouldn’t have any fire deaths. Sparky doesn’t want any child to die because of a bad \$2 battery in a smoke detector.”

## CIVILIAN RETIREES

The following are the civilian retirees from the end of September through the beginning of October.  
Carol Barlow, LAKB  
William D. Brown, 78th CES/CEUW-1  
Billy W. Bryant, LBR  
Ronald L. Bryant, LYP-MGB  
Concepcion Cantu, LHR  
Jackie R. Carpenter, LFLA  
Judy Childers, PKXOA  
Billy M. Clifton, LGMS  
Jackie Cross, LKGA  
Grace T. Davidson, AFRC/DOTA  
Joseph N. Fisher, SVM  
Jose Gomez, LYPMI  
Herbert T. Hester Jr., ALC/LGMMC  
Patsy H. Lamb, LYGR  
Agnes Lee, LNXC  
Annie G. Long, TINMPA  
Charles E. Maddox, FMA  
Carole Martin, PKXA  
Jimmie A. Rogers, LGRC  
Patricia Smock, 78th CES/CEX  
Thomas F. Wear, LYPHE

## ROBINS CLUBS

**Company Grade Officers Association** - meets the third Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Georgia Room in the officer’s club.  
**Logistics Officer Association** – meets at 4 p.m. the second Friday of each month at the Wellston.  
**Major General Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc.** — meets the third Wednesday of each month, at 11:30 a.m. at a location designated by the executive board. For more information, contact Toledo J. Bradford, public relations officer, at 926-7851, ext. 114 or e-mail to Toledo.Bradford@robins.af.mil. Interested individuals may also contact German T. Acree, president, at work at 926-6881 or at home at 953-

6261.  
**Military Surviving Spouses** – meet on the second Monday of the month for dinner at 6 p.m. in the officer’s club. The meeting follows. Any widow or widower of a retired spouse is eligible to be a member. For more information, call 923-1204 or 923-1098.  
**National Contract Management Association** - meets once a month in the officers’ club. For information, call Misty Holtz at 926-7121, or Maj. David Hincks at 926-3666.  
**Network 56** – Information for Network 56 can be found online at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/Network56>. The page has information on meetings, links for noncommissioned office development, the organizational

charter and news about Network 56.  
**Officers’ Spouses Club** — If you are new to Robins Air Force Base and your spouse is eligible for officers’ club membership, the Officers’ Spouses Club would like to extend a warm southern welcome to you. Call Sandi Smith at 971-4359 to receive a welcome packet.  
**P r o c u r e m e n t Toastmasters Club** - meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate’s conference room, north end of Bldg. 300. For information, call James Gordon at 926-0061 or Wilma Felton at 926-0317.  
**Reserve Officer’s Association** - meets the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the officers

club. For information, call Lt. Col. Barry Taylor, 327-1191.  
**R.I.C.H.E.S.** - meets the first Monday of every month. The club is designed to teach members how to invest. Membership is limited to those who are also members of the Officers’ Spouses Club. For more information, contact Retta Edling at 329-1924 or redling@MaryKay.com.  
**The Society of American Military Engineers** — Robins Air Force Base Post meets every third Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m. at the officers’ club for lunch with the meeting beginning at noon.  
*Editor’s Note: Information provided by club members. If your club or group’s information changes, notify the Rev-Up staff so that the club listings may be updated.*

# ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

## Harvest fest

The Robins Air Force Base Chapel is sponsoring a Harvest Fest Oct. 31, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend. No scary costumes.

## School board meeting

Robins Air Force Base school board will meet at 4:15 pm. Oct. 28 at Robins Elementary School, Bldg. 988.

## Library hosts Jamboree

All youth are welcome to the Jamboree on the Internet 2002. The base library will host the 45th Jamboree from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday for youth ages 6 through 17. During the event, scouts and non-scouts will be able to learn about and talk to children from around the world. For more information, contact the library or Christopher Faust at christopher.faust@robins.af.mil or caberney@yahoo.com.

## Career help for your needs

The Robins Air Force Base career assistance advisor is available to help those people staying in or getting out. The advisor, Master Sgt. Andrea Johnson, can be reached at 327-7356.

# LOST FOUND

- If any of the following found items belong to you, contact Genis Hall at 926-5271.**
- 1 A silver woman’s watch found near Bldg. 226
  - 1 A boy’s red and black bicycle found near basketball courts
  - 1 A Mongoose bike found near Sherril Court
  - 1 A camera case found near the law enforcement desk.

**Submissions to the Rev-Up are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday to be considered for publication in that Friday’s paper.**

Education and the Department of Defense.

For more information on the Troops to Teachers Program in Georgia, contact Kirkland at 800-745-0709, 404-657-9055, or bill.kirkland@gapsc.com. For more information about this briefing, contact Fran Sheridan at 327-7325.

## Girl Scouts need leaders

Troop leaders for Daisy, Junior and Cadette levels are

needed. No experience necessary, training will be provided. Meetings are held on Robins Air Force Base in the Girl Scout Hut. Those interested should call Dora Waite at 328-1061 for more information.

## Apply for White House spot

The White House Fellowship Program is now taking applications. Annually, 11 to 19 U. S. citizens are selected to work

full-time for one year as special assistants to senior executives in cabinet-level agencies or in the executive office of the president.

Application deadline is Dec. 6. Contact customer service at 327-7362 for application procedure.

## Museum needs volunteers

The Museum of Aviation Flight and Technology Center is seeking volunteers to meet and greet visitors

daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Tour guide opportunities are available as well as special function opportunities.

For additional information, please contact museum director of protocol and volunteers, Judye Blackburn at 926-4242 or 926-6870 for additional information on how your time and talents can be used.

*Send Bulletin Board information to Rebecca Yull at rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil.*



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Limo driver Steve Hunter holds the door while a group of students say good-bye to the students who sold the most Discount Cards for the Robins Elementary School choral program.

# Students sell, celebrate

A crowd of chorus students cheered as the top nine Discount Card sellers stepped into a shining white Lincoln Towncar limousine in front of Robins Elementary School Oct. 10. The winning students spent September and part of October selling Discount Cards to benefit the Robins Elementary choral program. These children sold nearly 700 of the 1,300 cards sold so far. As a part of their reward for outstanding efforts, the students were treated to a limo ride and lunch. The top card sellers were Kyle Mize, Tiffany



Courtesy photo  
Robins Elementary School choral members eat at Stevi B's.  
Cousineau, Chad Cousineau, Edwin Vazquez, Jessica Katie Winans, Brytan Sturgill, and Chrystanie Mickens, Jayde Sparks, Williams.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp  
Students from Robins Elementary School's choral program, who together sold more than half of all the discount cards sold wave good-bye on their way to a special reward for their efforts. The students were treated to a limo ride and lunch.

## Capability

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Production System office at Robins, has been legally deaf since birth, but she has not let it stand in the way of serving customers' needs. "I love my job," she said. "It's non-stop. I really like working with my co-workers. Really, the only accommodation I need is for people to face me when they talk to me and my co-workers are good about doing that. I don't let my disability get the best of me. Working for the base has been a good experience." Robins has opened the door to a successful future for persons with disabilities that otherwise might have been closed to them. Hal Dent, who works in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Financial Management

Home Office supporting desktop computers, has been legally blind since birth. To perform his job, Dent uses a large computer monitor and a monocular to see distant objects. "The only thing that reminds me that I have a disability is the fact that I can't legally drive," he said. "My experience at Robins has been a good one. In 1982, (the Department of Defense) and Robins gave me a chance to prove I could work in the normal world when outside industry looked at legally blind people working in the electronics field as impossible." Executive Order 13163, signed by former President Bill Clinton on July 26, 2000, mandated that the federal government, within the next five years, hires 100,000 people with disabilities. Having been given the opportunity, people with disabilities are illustrating that diversity can be an asset to team Robins.

## LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.  
Eyvette Aurelia Banfield, F-15 System Program Office. Point of contact is Stephen A. Manning, 926-5710.  
Rhonda M. Brantley, 778th Civil Engineering Squadron. Point of contact is Dorothea Slonaker, 926-3776.  
Dorothy F. Chaney, Support Equipment and Vehicle Management Directorate. Point of contact is Otis Groom, 926-7046, ext. 152.  
Patricia J. Davis, Electronic Warfare Management Directorate. Point of contact is Darlene Rhodes, 926-5948.  
Dianne W. Kelly, Air Force Reserve Command. Point of contact is Lt. Col. Ted Connally, 327-1531.